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Email Portability for small ISP's is a bad idea. Here are several reasons why:

- 1) Email is already portable if you have your own domain name.
- 2) Who is going to PAY for this forwarding, and how long does it have to go on for? Forever? An ISP that is required to forward ALL email until the end of time for every customer would have to factor that into their pricing. After all we are a very small business.
- 3) What about all the extra equipment we would have to have to process all this extra email, anyone have any idea what the spam and virus filtering cost are like?
- 4) What if the ISP goes out of business and can't forward anymore?
- 5) Who pays for the bandwidth usage and server resources as spam increases by huge exponential numbers every year? What if 5 years from now the rage is to email HD video movies to people, and each message is 16 GB in size?
- 6) Our domain name is a registered trademark, What is our trademark protection going to be worth if anyone one is permitted to use this trademark without us being compensated for it.
- 7) This would be an poor idea for the small ISP in the area that a lot of clients have kept us as an ISP (even after they signed up with a large ISP) just because they wanted to keep there email address that they have with us. This would be another way to put the small guy out of business.

Thanks,

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